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WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!



Took delivery of, er, 12 monkeys, for the TV show of the same name. As office gifts go, this was bananas...



London Super Comic Convention artist David Wynne gave our covergirls Jodie and Lucy a makeover.

Let us know what you like! And get involved with the banter online

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ZOO'S GUIDE TO ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW, WATCH, BUY & LAUGH AT THIS WEEK!



We can think of plenty of good reasons to jet off to Dubai, and the ridiculously fit Billie Faiers is just one of them...

he cash-rich city of Dubai is known for many things, but above all, it's synonymous with having the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, which, at 2,722ft, is supposedly one of the greatest sights Dubai has to offer. That is unless you've seen our pictures of

busty Billie Faiers frolicking along the city's sandy shores.

"Bizarrely, I was recognised in Dubai a couple of years ago," Billie once revealed. "You wouldn't really think they'd watch TOWIE out there, but they do!"

All this being said, you don't have to jet off to warmer climes















7700'S (ALTERNATIVE) GAMES WARDS!

The BAFTA Games Awards kicks off this week, so we grabbed host and all-round funnyman Rufus Hound to dish out a few additional honours that were left off the list...



WINNER: THE COOKIE DUSTERS, THE ORDER: 1886 "As far as facial hair in video games go, The Order has certainly set the handlebar high! There's a weight to a Victorian moustache – it's a pioneer, really. These are the types of chaps who'd give someone a dry slap for not pulling their chair out for a lady and as a man known for his 'tache, this certainly wins it for me.'



"NEW PANTS ON STANDBY" AWARD

WINNER: THE ALIEN, ALIEN: ISOLATION

"I could have picked the creepy monsters in The Evil Within, or those parkouring zombies from Dying Light, but the winner has to be the alien. Hitchcock once said, 'A bomb under a table isn't scary; a bomb under a table that you know about, that's scary!' It's the same in Alien: Isolation. You know it's there, you know it's looking for you: all you can do is hide. And when it does find you, you know you're f**ked!"





Anything with two teddies strapped to TNT is certainly the gold standard in this category."







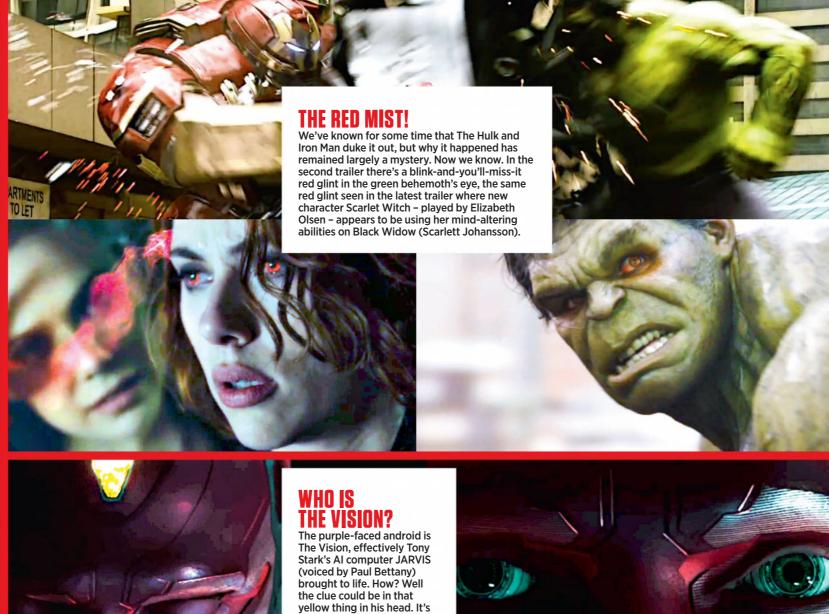
ahead of 2015's biggest film release. Hold onto your socks; we're about to knock them off!

WHY IS ULTRON SO HARD?

When we first see Ultron. he's made from scrap metal. Later, he's had a makeover, which is significant in explaining why the Avengers don't rip this evil robot to shreds. Let us explain: the film takes a pit stop in Africa, where, in the comics, existed large vibranium deposits, the same material used to forge Captain America's shield.

We also know that Andy Serkis plays Ulysses Klaw, a villain who knows how to work with the rare mineral. Ultron obviously constructs himself a new body made of the unbreakable metal. This would also explain why Cap's shield hurts Ultron in the new trailer (right), and also why we've previously seen Cap's shield shattered in two.







yellow thing in his head. It's likely an infinity gem, those all-powerful stones that caused chaos in Thor: The Dark World. But if Marvel is following comic lore, the "Soul Gem" allows the user to alter souls. So it's not too much of a stretch to imagine it also giving life to Stark's virtual assistant.



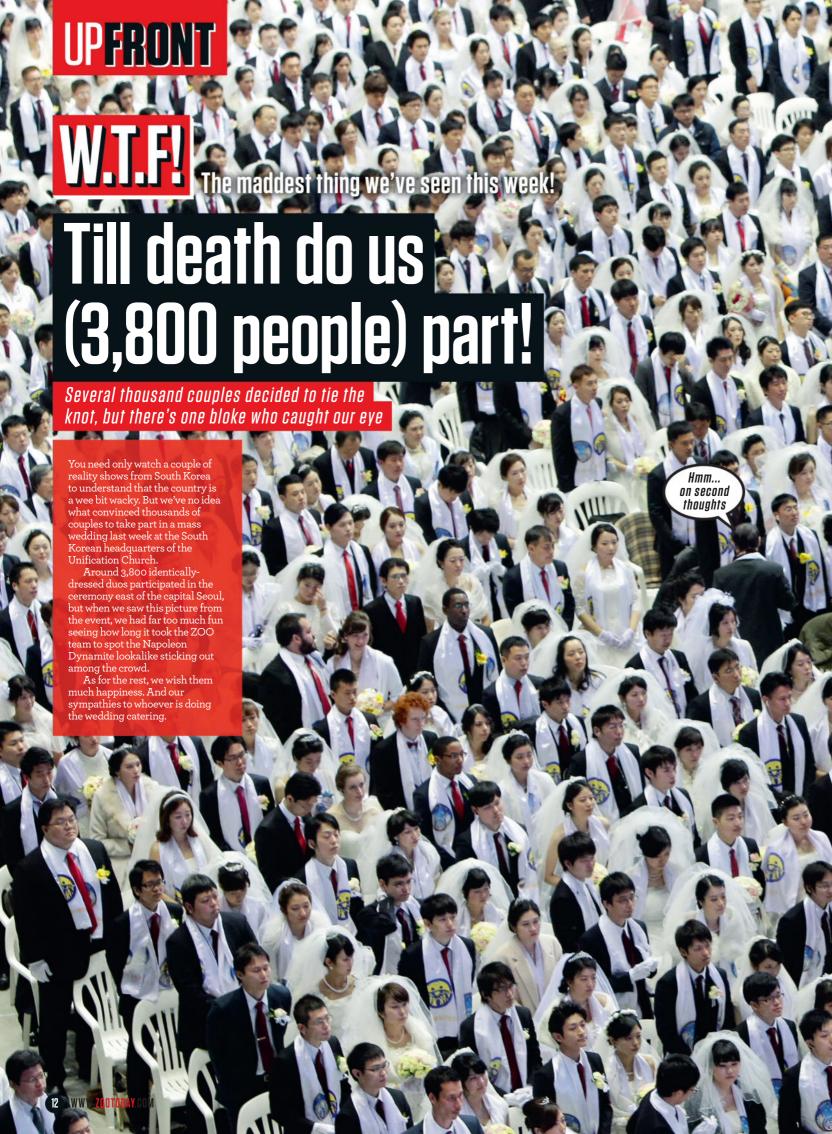


ULTRON'S CREATION EXPLAINED!

THE WHY The "Ultron program" is the

metaphorical "suit of armour" that Stark fashioned to protect the world. THE HOW In a past trailer, Thor is shown throttling Stark and warns, "You've meddled with something you don't understand." In this preview, we see Stark holding Loki's all-powerful sceptre. Could Stark have used the sceptre to give life to Ultron? We'd bet our houses on it!

Watch the new trailer at ZOOToday.com



BRITAIN'S COOLEST

The voting for ZOO's Coolest Man 2015 is nearing its end, but there's still time for these chaps to nip in and steal all the glory

....in association with #MenUnited



Skenta

GerFACT

The largest mass wedding by the **Unification Church saw** 20,000 couples tie the knot in 2009. That's more people than a QPR game at

Loftus Road!

Send it to yourshout@zootoday.com

There's only a handful of people in the world who can boast of having played as a support act for Kanye West. And incidentally, even fewer who've bagged themselves a coveted Coolest Man trophy.



Carl Frampton

Last week, The Jackal retained his **IBF World Super** Bantamweight title, but was it enough to convince you that the Northern Irishman was worthy of your votes to make him our next **Coolest Man?**



Liam Neeson

The Irish actor might be a hardcase in his be a hardcase in his new film Run All Night and have a set of skills which sets him apart from other actors, but he doesn't have a Coolest Man award. We know which of the two we'd want!



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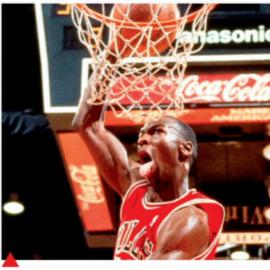




Reports say ex-footballer Michael McIndoe has been accused of fleecing fellow players in a £30m investment scam, splashing the cash on women, cars and holidays.

I've had a few people approach me with these investment schemes but I stay well clear because I wouldn't be able to rein in the Hayemakers I would have to dish out if someone tried to pull a fast one.





Billion-Air Jordan

Michael Jordan is the first athlete to become a billionaire in the new Forbes list. I could never afford a pair of Air Jordans growing up, so I'm not surprised! My parents could never justify the £100-plus asking price, so I always ended up with a pair of the supermarket's finest instead.

Jordan is a living legend and if any sportsman deserved to break the billion-dollar barrier first, it had to be him.

Biq dog

I saw a picture of the world's biggest pit bull and I had to rub my eyes. Weighing in at a lightheavyweight limit of 175lb (12 ½ stone) the dog, called Hulk, is a brute - and he's only a puppy!

According to his owners, he's supposed to be a gentle giant but I wouldn't want to put that to the test. Forget his neighbourhood in New Hampshire, USA - he's in with a shout of being the top dog on the planet!



Are you going to put a £1m bet on Mayweather vs Pacquiao, like 50 Cent? **DEAN ALI, Reading**

because Mayweather is the heavy favourite. I always prefer to back the underdog when it comes to boxing.





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display beats the others hands down!

C JONES, via email

You're not wrong there! We might have to nip down and pick up a pair... Your great spot has won you an Xbox. Congrats!

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Magic mushroom

Found this tree design in Sherwood Forest. I think it's meant to be a mushroom but it looks like something else to me! DAN WESTWELL, via email

God spot, Dan... "Keep it up".

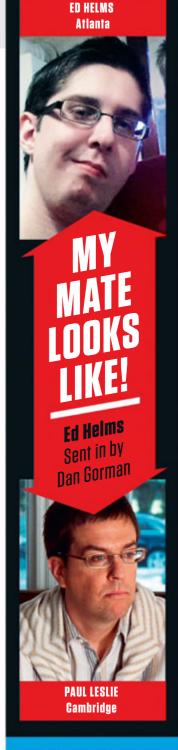


After Top Gear...

The only thing worse than watching Downton Abbey is being trapped behind them for 90 minutes in M6 traffic.

RORY, via email

Were they going slower than the average episode, Rory? Our thoughts go out to you.



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Shout Of The Week wins an iPad and a copy of '71





Dog-sitting for my sister and her

via email

He looks as

though he's giving you the

evils, John.

Labrador, Harvey! JOHN BURNISTON,

Sticky wicket

MARK OLDEN, via email

the century, Mark?

by this!

Frankly, I was bowled over

Ha, could it be the joke of

on Blu-ray! '71 is available now on DVD and Blu-ray.

UPFRONT

Get

We'd have paid attention in school if lessons were like this



The design for Baymax from Disney's new film Big Hero 6 was inspired by Winnie the Pooh, a penguin and a rice cooker

Walt Jr never encounters Jessie in all 62 episodes of Breaking Bad

Reed Hastings began Netflix in 1997 after incurring £30 in late fees returning Apollo 13

A tree planted in memory of the Beatles bassist George Harrison was destroyed... by a beetle infestation

In 1896, Shredded Wheat's manufacturers recommended serving the cereal with melted cheese, oysters or poached eggs on top

People living in the Dutch town of Purmerend have been advised to take umbrellas out at night after several attacks by an aggressive owl

Blind people are twice as likely to smell things in their dreams as sighted people

Toy company Mattel once tried to sue Danish pop band Aqua over their 1997 song Barbie Girl. The judge literally told them to "chill"

Two alcoholic Russian bears are being sent to

> a Romanian animal sanctuary for treatment



world with two penises

2. It's illegal in Saudi Arabia for men to work in lingerie shops

3. Eight million years ago, guinea pigs were the size of cows



Liverpool's 2-1 win over Manchester City was the first time that brothers Yaya and Kolo Toure have played against each other competitively

9,000ft

in numbers!

Height an Australian skydiver suffered a seizure, before a jumpmaster pulled his ripcord

Days spent by a US student on a "bug diet", eating insects (instead of meat) three times a day

The average cost of a beer by the year 2040 according to financial analysts at Lloyds Bank

£7.5m

Cost of a controversial head transplant proposed by Italian surgeon Sergio Canavero





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UPFRONT



Optical illusion >

My wife walked in on me last night and shouted, "What the hell are you doing with that white and gold dress?"

I said, "It's not what it looks like!" **GERALD**, via text



Safety is a major concern at the manufacturing company where I work, so I'm constantly preaching caution to the workers I supervise.

"Does anyone know what the speed limit is in our car park?"

The long silence that followed was interrupted when one of them piped up, "That depends. Do you mean coming in to work, or leaving?"

MH, via email



GENIUS ONE-LINER

I phoned the local ramblers club today, and this bloke just went





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"I haven't got £5,000."

MARK RUSSELL, via emai

Heating up

I cut my energy bill in half last month. Didn't work, though: I still had to pay the full amount.



Twisted **A** firefighter

I've been voted International Fireman Of The Year 2015. Just putting that out there.

And there. And that one. And that one over there as well. GED. via email

Choc-a-block

I recently started dating a girl whose father invented After Eight chocolates.

Needless to say, she was absolutely minted. PATRICK WALKER, via email

Swear by it

Our local bin men must hate reversing their truck.

But at least they bleep out all the swearing. PETE. Wrexham



Taken... aqain

They should make another Taken, about Liam Neeson's character being under-appreciated for keeping his family safe: Taken 4: Granted. VITO, via email

Short stay

Qatar 2022 will be held in November and December. Or, for England, November. **BENJAMIN, London**

OF THE WEEK

Dozen digits



I can count the number of medical trials I've done on one hand: 12.

arhysjamesy

Lighten up



A Kindle: what people from New . Zealand use for light during a power cut.

atonycowards

Arrestable offence



Apparently, I can't describe someone as a "mental policeman". . It's PC gone mad. **JAMES MARTIN**

apundamentalism

Picture nerfect



Red sky at night, Instagram over capacity. ADAM KAY

@AMATEURADAM

Taken for a fool



"It's called being condescending, maybe you've heard of it?"

DAN MENTOS adanmentos

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Joker Of The Week wins an Xbox One and a ZOO goodie bag!





Essential *** Excellent *** Good ★★★☆☆ Average ★★☆☆☆ Poor ★☆☆☆☆

Plug yourself into this week's hottest entertainment, featuring the best films, games, music and DVDs



You'd be forgiven if you thought this movie was more of the same; another Taken. But Liam Neeson has a special set of skills. He's a great actor as well as the go-to tough guy and he gives this movie - a tense crime/action hybrid with a great cast - both barrels.

Jimmy Conlon (Neeson) is a hitman for Irish mobster Shawn Maguire, but spends more time knocking back

whiskeys than knocking people's heads together.

When Jimmy's estranged son Mike (RoboCop's Joel Kinnaman) becomes a target after the death of Maguire's son in a bungled drugs deal, the movie hits the accelerator and takes you through New York's grittier side, with car chases, shoot-outs and explosions in an edge-of-your-seat, kill-or-bekilled thriller. ★★★★☆





Following on from the conclusion to Catching Fire, Katniss Everdeen (Jennifer Lawrence) must once again battle against insurmountable odds to save the future of her people when she unwittingly becomes the symbol of a mass

rebellion against the Capitol.

Despite a slow start, gasps will come thick and fast as the sci-fi flick draws to a close. It isn't the best in the franchise, but it's 123 minutes of lovely Ms Lawrence, and we're not going to argue with that. ★★★☆☆



The bloke who played Hawkeye from The Avengers (Jeremy Renner) puts down his bow and arrow to step into the shoes of Gary Webb, an investigative reporter who uncovers a drug-traffic conspiracy within the US government. Being the

budding journalist seeking the big-time story, Webb publishes the secrets. A bad move, but one that fails to spark any life into this dreary true-life story.

An appearance from Spanish hottie Paz Vega will be your highlight. ★★☆☆☆

DVDS



Nighterawler

Jake Gyllenhaal makes grim films of accidents to win over his new journo



In this powerful Russian flick, a fisherman fights a corrupt mayor who tries to nab his home. ***



The Imitation Game

B-Cumbers takes on the role of maths whizz Alan Turing who cracks the Enigma code. ***



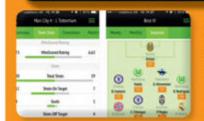
Robert Downey Jr plays a shady lawyer who defends his father, a judge up for murder. ***



It doesn't take a genius to work out the premise of this horror, but it'll give you the jitters. ***

APP ATTACK!

This week's must-have apps & downloads!



WhoScored Free, ios

If you're going to make a change to your fantasy football team, you might want to consult this app, powered by Opta stats, first.



Lee Westwood's Golf Masterclass

Analyse and drastically improve your swing side by side with former world No1 Lee Westwood



Agent Alice Free, iOS and Andro

Put down Candy Crush Saga and give your brain something new to tackle with an addictive puzzle game that releases episodes every week.



100% Army Fit Free, iOS and Android

Want to win the battle of the bulge? You can't go wrong with your own **British Army physical-training** instructor in your pocket.



Overkill 3 Free, iOS and Android

If you need something new to play on the way to work, then download this action-packed, third-person shooter. A no-brainer really



ESSENTIALS

The definitive TV guide, picking the must-see shows, so you don't have to!

hilarious superhero movie Kick-Ass at 10pm, on Channel 4.

encounter. Cue a "thrilling" 0-0, then.



Dogs Of Instagram

on p44!



Sky Movies Sci-Fi & Horror

Director Neill Blomkamp is all set to direct the next Alien movie. Remind yourself why he's the only choice to take on such a franchise with another watch of bald Matt Damon in this incredible action epic.

MUST-SEE



Channel 4

All eyes will be on AP McCoy to see if the champion jockey can land his last Gold Cup before retirement.



BBC One

Lewis Hamilton's title defence begins. Let's hope he manages more than the three laps he completed last year...



Sky Sports 5

Barça aim to eliminate City for a second year running. Can the Blues turn the tables on the tika-taka brigade?



BT Sport 1

The Toffees look to extend their surprising run in Europe amidst a turbulent Premier League campaign.

ALICE GOODWIN'S EVER SHOOT

Alice once trained to be an English teacher, but the education system's loss is ZOO's gain. The bell's just rang and it's time for your favourite lesson of the week - a lingerie masterclass



rom the outside, life doesn't look too difficult for Alice Goodwin, lolling around on luxury beds, sliding in and out of highquality garments.

But she bears a terrible torment - how to make her next ZOO shoot even sexier than the last. Like any top artist she strives to outdo her previous greats, terrified of letting her public down. Alas, as you'll see, she always outdoes herself.

Witness here another triumphant ZOO magazine return – the strain of Alice's bra again being released from its heavenly burden. Just for us.

HI, ALICE. WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO?

I've just been waiting for ZOO to ring the whole time! I've been watching you have all these covers without me. You've been cheating on me with all these other women!

WE CAN ONLY APOLOGISE. THOUGH, WE NOTICE, YOU SEEM VERY HAPPY TO BE BACK SHOOTING FOR US.

I'm at my happiest when I'm wearing sexy lingerie. I feel ->

STYLING: Holly Frost HAIR AND MAKE-UP:









people most remember! I loved the role-play side of it. Maybe being a teacher is a fantasy of mine.

ARE WE RIGHT IN THINKING THAT YOU ALMOST BECAME AN ENGLISH TEACHER?

I did train to be an English teacher years ago. Then I decided to get my boobs out for a living instead! I think I made the right choice.

Though boys; just imagine if I was teaching you set texts now. I can't go into teaching after this – they'd never let me near a school!

THIS IS WHY THE
EDUCATION SYSTEM
IS FAILING. DO YOU NOT
FEEL BAD FOR LETTING
ALL THOSE TEENAGE
BOYS DOWN?

I think I made the right choice, don't you? No marking test papers, no homework, no dealing with badly behaved kids. Just taking my top off and having moisturiser rubbed into my boobs for the camera!

WHAT DO YOU THINK ->



ALICE'S BUSTIEST SHOOT EVER!









"YOU DON'T GO TO AFGHAN TO FLIP EGGS. YOU GO THERE TO FIGHT"

When a wounded US Marine needed extracting from a ferocious gun battle, Lance Corporal Josh Leakey took the fight to the enemy — and became a modern day hero

Heavy

weaponry!

n a mission in
Helmand Province,
Afghanistan in 2013,
Lance Corporal Josh Leakey,
27, from Hampshire, came
under terrible enemy fire.

Risking his own life, he helped save a wounded US Marine from the line of fire, before manning two separate guns and fending off a group of 20 Taliban insurgents.

His heroic actions led to him becoming the first living person to receive a Victoria Cross – the highest honour for valour – in 10 years.

This is his story...



On 22 August 2013, Lance Corporal Leakey and the rest of his men from The Parachute Regiment were sent to assist a US Marine-led expedition in Helmand. While suffering over an hour of sustained gunfire, one marine was injured and needed evacuating.

"On this day, things felt different," LC Leakey begins. "The enemy were more determined: even when air support was called in, they stood and they fought, which was fairly uncommon. The guys in the gun group informed us they were in heavy combat, then the line went dead. That's when I knew it was

really serious."
At this point,
Leakey and
his men came
under accurate
fire from
machine guns
and RPGs.
Penned in
on a hill and
realising the

seriousness of the situation, Leakey dashed across a large area of barren hillside which was now being raked with machine gun fire. The full severity of the situation only then became apparent.

"There were two of our machine guns out of use and we were being fired upon by insurgents. A US Marine had been injured, and we had to reach him. I just thought, 'Let's do this right. There's a man wounded; we need to get this guy sorted."

Under fire

As bullets peppered his every step, Lance Corporal Leakey didn't falter. Despite being the most junior commander in the area, he took control of the situation and got the injured man out of there.

"We had to take the fight to the enemy because they

Josh Leakey:











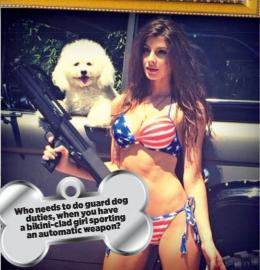




















WE UNDERSTAND YOU LIKE TO TAKE YOUR OWN SEXY PICTURES. THERE ARE QUITE A FEW ON YOUR SOCIAL MEDIA...

I studied photography and that sort of piqued my interest in modelling. I wanted to study photography at uni, but I wanted to do modelling first. I can always go back to photography later, right? AT LEAST YOU'LL LEARN ON THE JOB! TELL US SOMETHING WE CAN'T TELL FROM YOUR SNAPS.

I like motorbikes and I have a vintage Triumph Bonneville in the living room! My dad used to race them - he even won at Santa Pod racetrack

"A guy tweeted me,'you are perfect breets'!"

> in Bedfordshire. He's a real speed freak and he's got me obsessed with them, too.

A MOTORBIKE IN YOUR FRONT ROOM? AWESOME! DO YOU REV THE ENGINE AND SCARE THE NEIGHBOURS?

No, but I always sit on it. I love it. My dog - a cockapoo called Bruce - also likes to have a good sit on it, too. I probably shouldn't let my dad know that, though!

WHERE WOULD WE SEE YOU ON A NIGHT OUT?

I go out in east London. I do like getting dressed up, but mainly I'm a jeans and trainers girl. I don't even wear make-up if I don't have to. I'd rather watch live bands in a dingy club than pout for snaps while holding a bottle of vodka!

WE DIDN'T HAVE YOU DOWN AS A ROCK CHICK. WHAT BANDS DO YOU LIKE TO GO AND SEE?

I like my older stuff – I'm into Blink-182 and Sum 41. I also love Jamie T. His new stuff is brilliant. I've been to V Festival, as it is about 20 minutes from my house, but I'm desperate to go to Reading to see Jamie T.

WHAT'S YOUR MESSIEST RECENT NIGHT OUT?

I went to The Box in London. One of my friends is a performer there and all kinds of freaky stuff goes on: there was one lady on stage who was squeezing mustard out of a pair of fake boobs!

"I have a motorbike in my living room!"

WHERE'S THE STRANGEST PLACE YOU'VE SEEN YOUR **BOOBS?**

I was in a newsagent on New Year's Day and was on the cover of one newspaper. I went to buy it and the guy behind the counter was staring at me. He said, "Oh, you should come and buy the paper more often!" I thought, "Is he just saying that because he knows I'm in it?"

ARE YOU ENJOYING HAVING LOTS OF FANS ON TWITTER?

I do like to chat to my fans online - if they play nice! Otherwise, they get ignored. I'm not sure one of the guys who contacted me spoke very good English. He tweeted, "You are perfect breets!" Ha ha. I think he meant, "You have perfect breasts." Anyway, I love my breets, too-whatever they are!













Ahead of the green light in Melbourne, veteran racer David Coulthard picks out the stories that will define the 2015 F1 season...

More drama!

"If winter testing is anything to go by, Mercedes have the same car they raced at the last Grand Prix in Abu Dhabi. Will we also see more of the incidents that made last year so exciting: the coming together at the Belgian Grand Prix, the falling out of two childhood friends... Of course! You can't take the racers out of the racing drivers. When you've got two guys in a quick car running at the front, they will argue over the same piece of Tarmac!"

Revved-up Nico!

"The biggest challenge is for Nico Rosberg, because he hasn't beaten Lewis in a wheelto-wheel race. He's had the better of him in qualifying, he's won Grands Prix, but he hasn't outraced Lewis. Will he be able to do anything about that? My gut feeling is it would be very difficult to make yourself a better racer. You can make yourself fitter; you can make yourself faster by understanding what you need

from the car, but the instinctive stuff is in your DNA."

Vettel will urrect Ferrari!

"Ferrari are back on track and will be mixing it with Red Bull and Williams to get what's left after Mercedes takes their fill. It was definitely the right move for Sebastian Vettel, as his time at Red Bull had run its course and you could see in his driving he was not in a happy place. But Ferrari are on an upward curve and he'll bring a new energy, like when Michael Schumacher reinvigorated them back in 1996. Apparently, it was his dream to always drive for Ferrari, which is convenient..."

McLaren on the slide!

"It's been such a bad winter of testing for McLaren, considering Honda had an extra year to develop the engine for their new partnership. Then, the Fernando Alonso accident was another big blow for them. "Vettel will revitalise Ferrari"

There are a lot of conspiracy theories flying around about what actually happened, but that will all come out in time. It's a shame because they've got an amazing facility and all the ingredients there for them to be doing much better. But they're just not producing the goods right now."

No more bankruptcies!

"Manor Marussia did a great job to get themselves back into F1, but they've got no design

team, so this will just be a season of survival for them. There is talk of some teams being advanced their prize money to get them to the first few races, but that's a cash flow issue. Going out of business is more expensive than trying to stay afloat because of the big revenues coming from the commercial rights, so we should finish with all the cars on the grid that we started with."







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F1 2015 SEASON PREVIEW!

GENTLEMEN, START YOUR RIVALRIES!

BBC commentator - and ex-driver - Allan McNish

separates the frontrunners from the slowcoaches

up the rear over the next 20 Grands Prix

POLE POSITION!



Mercedes

LEWIS HAMILTON & NICO ROSBERG

"It's going to be Lewis vs Nico again for the title but in which order depends on who has learnt most from last season and how they apply it. Nico has the most to prove because he didn't win the 2014 World Championship and that fires a racing driver up. But Lewis was dominant at the end of last year and will take some beating.



CHASING THE PACK!







Williams **VALTTERI BOTTAS**

& FELIPE MASSA "Williams have a great dynamic in the slightly flamboyant nature of Massa along with the cool, calculated Fin, Bottas, who really came to the fore last year and will be a strong contender again. They are a true racing team that are in it to win it, not because they're part of a marketing strategy, so expect them to lead the charge."





Ferrari

SEBASTIAN VETTEL & KIMI RAIKKONEN

"Ferrari have made some big steps forward. British technical director James Allison went there a year ago and now you're seeing his input come into it. Having been at Red Bull for so long, Vettel will have a fresh approach to it and if they can get Kimi back to his 2013 form, when he was doing everything right, then who knows."





Red Bull DANIEL RICCIARDO & DANIIL KVYAT

"Vettel's gone but Ricciardo has taken the mantle of team leader coming off the back of a brilliant debut season. They should be a little bit more competitive at the beginning of the season than they were last year, when they had a lot of reliability problems. If so, they'll be pretty strong."





MIDDLE ORDER!



Force India

NICO HULKENBERG & SERGIO PEREZ

"Force India were late out with a new car but they ran very well in testing when they finally got it there. Their performance has put them ahead of the other teams around them."



Lotus

ROMAIN GROSJEAN & PASTOR

MALDONADO "Unfortunately for Grosjean, Lotus haven't got the capability or consistency of speed to get him to the front to compete with the chasing pack. On their best day, they'll be fighting it out with Force India."



McLaren

FERNANDO ALONSO &

JENSON BUTTON "It's going to be a hard road for Fernando and Jenson. Testing has been a real struggle and considering they finished fifth last year with the Mercedes engine - the best then I can't see them bettering that with a Honda power unit."



Toro Rosso

MAX VERSTAPPEN & CARLOS SAINZ JR

"Verstappen and Sainz Jr have a combined age of 37 - Nigel Mansell was older when he won the World Championship! They're two guys with everything to prove and nothing to lose, so they'll be throwing a few cats among the pigeons in the middle.'





Sauber

FELIPE NASR & MARCUS ERICSSON

"Sauber had a shocking season last year but they seem to have made a big step forward. Unfortunately for them, not big enough."



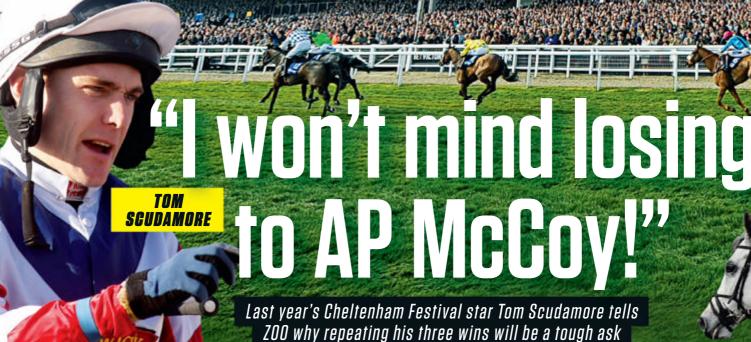
Manor Marussia

WILL STEVENS "The fact Manor Marussia were even able to get a car on the grid is amazing. They're there by pure passion and I think who will partner Stevens will be a revolving situation."

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CHELTENHAM SPECIAL!



OM, YOU RODE THREE WINNERS AT THE CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL LAST YEAR. ARE YOU EXPECTING MORE OF THE SAME THIS YEAR? Last year was fantastic but the odds on me repeating three winners will be high. I've got some good rides again but I'd take one winner now.

WHAT MAKES **CHELTENHAM SO SPECIAL?**

It's the Champions League of jumps racing and comes second only to the Grand

National. All the talking stops and all the horses that have been trying to avoid each other all year meet up.

WHAT'S YOUR BEST RIDE AND WHAT'S THE BEST HORSE YOU'RE NOT ON THIS WEEK?

My best ride is Kings Palace. He's unbeaten and runs in the RAS Chase on Wednesday, but I'm spoilt because I've got a few good rides. The horse I'm not riding, that I wish I was, is Sire De Grugy in the Champion's Chase. It's got a great chance.

HOW MUCH ARE YOU RELISHING EVERY RACE

AGAINST AP McCOY NOW THAT HE'S **ANNOUNCED HIS** RETIREMENT? AP's always been a tough competitor and it'll be strange going into the

festival knowing that it's his last. He deserves a winner for what he's done for racing but it doesn't work like

that. If I was to be beat by anybody during the week, I'd be very pleased if it was him. HOW DID THE NEWS OF **AP'S RETIREMENT GO** DOWN IN THE

> We were expecting this season to be his last, so it was more a shock that he announced it so early. It's worked out well: it means people will be able to



Successful trainer Jamie Snowden explains how to get a horse primed for Cheltenham victory

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Don't overwork

After his last race on 31 January, we gave him
10 days off where he
would just go out to
have a walk and a pick
of the grass. Then we
cranked up his
routine, doing fast you have to build him up to peak on a certain day at a certain time."

Get health checks!

"This means getting your horse in the best condition possible. Their diet consists of a mix with all the necessary proteins, oils, salts and minerals, tweaked slightly for each individual horse depending on his or her needs. Then we take blood tests and tracheal washes, where

take a wash of their lungs, to



CONDITION!



appreciate him and say thanks for the memories - sort of like a farewell tour.

WHAT IS YOUR BEST **OUTSIDER THIS WEEK?** I ride a horse called The Giant Bolster for the Gold Cup. He'll be a big price and he's been placed in the last three Gold Cups. He loves Cheltenham and he'll be 33-1 but I'm hopeful of him reaching a place.

WE KNOW YOU PLAY **GUITAR. HAVE YOU EVER BELTED OUT ANY NUMBERS** FOR THE OTHER JOCKEYS? Me and a few of the boys got together to play a charity gig for another jockey that had a really bad accident at Cheltenham. We haven't been asked back to do anything since but I keep threating AP that we're going to turn up at his retirement do!

DYNASTE, 2014

Put in the hours!

"For the jockeys, it's tense and they're tense and they're under extreme pressure but that's only for the six minutes of a race. As a trainer, you're preparing that horse every minute of every day. The Cheltenham Festival is like the Olympics of jumps racing. It's where you want to be winning."



your age, so my max should be 185bpm. But when Present View crossed the line in first place, my heart rate went up to 193bpm!"

CHELTENHAM BETTING SLIP

Racing Post's top tipster Paul Kealy on who to bet the house on in the big ones this week



Stan James Champion Hurdle,

Most people seem to think Faugheen will win with something to spare, but he has yet to face a serious rival and last year's winner, **Jezki**, looks the best each-way option at 6-1.

Betway Queen Mother Champion Steeple Chase, Da All eyes will be on the last two winners Sprinter Sacre and

Sire De Grugy but my money is on **Champagne Fever**, who's been crying out for a drop back to 2m.

Ladbrokes World Hurdle, Da With last year's first three all possibly out, Zarkandar,

a well-beaten fourth 12 months ago, looks a much happier horse this season and might well improve enough.

Chettenham Gold Cup, D

I'm backing second favourite Road To Riches. He is the coming force in Ireland, has the perfect profile for a Gold Cup winner and goes on any ground.

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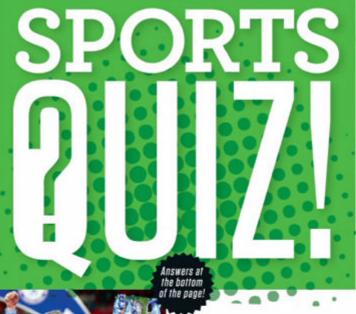


Can you name the strike partners that donned Batman and Robin masks after scoring in a Bundesliga game?

Rafael Nadal equalled the record for clay court trophies with his win in the Argentina Open. How many does he have?



Which British singer has Real Madrid star Toni Kroos declared his love for after presenting him with a Best International Music accolade at a German award show?



What was the last trophy that Jose Mourinho won on British soil prior to his Capital One Cup triumph?

How long did it take Ronda Rousey to submit Cat Zingano

at UFC 184? A 2 minutes B 52 seconds C 14 seconds

Premier League B teams might be able to play in what competition after a proposal was backed by League One and League Two clubs?



The Six Nations clash between England and Scotland is also contested for what ancient rugby union trophy?



Who was the perpetrator of the horror tackle that left Stoke City midfielder Stephen Ireland needing "12 to 15" stitches?

Against what nation did Afghanistan record their first ever Cricket World Cup win at the 2015 tournament?



Which F1 team has Carmen Jorda just signed for, as development driver?

FANZONE! **Cup Blues**

One of India's biggest papers, the *Hindustan* Times, covered Chelsea's **Capital One Cup victory** over Spurs by proclaiming them FA Cup champions in a 2-1 win. Forget Arsene Wenger, they really are "specialists in failure".





Full-tracksuit w*nkers **Manchester United's Ander** Herrera and Juan Mata

took their partnership to new levels when they turned up to training in the same clobber. Considering the club's new kit deal with Adidas, it seems the pair are too hands-on with freebies.

Ugly Galactico

Barcelona assistant director of football Carles Rexach has claimed that the real reason Real Madrid sold Angel Di Maria was because he is "too ugly" to fit the Galacticos image. Hence why he joined Wayne Rooney at **Manchester United.**

from Spurs. They bought But Willian He saw the light, He got the call from Abramovich, And off he went to Stamford Bridge!"



Money shot

Brazilian dazzler Philippe Coutinho entered porn folklore after his stunning 75th-minute winner for Liverpool against Man City was uploaded to adult website PornHub, under the tag "pure filth".

Separated at birth?





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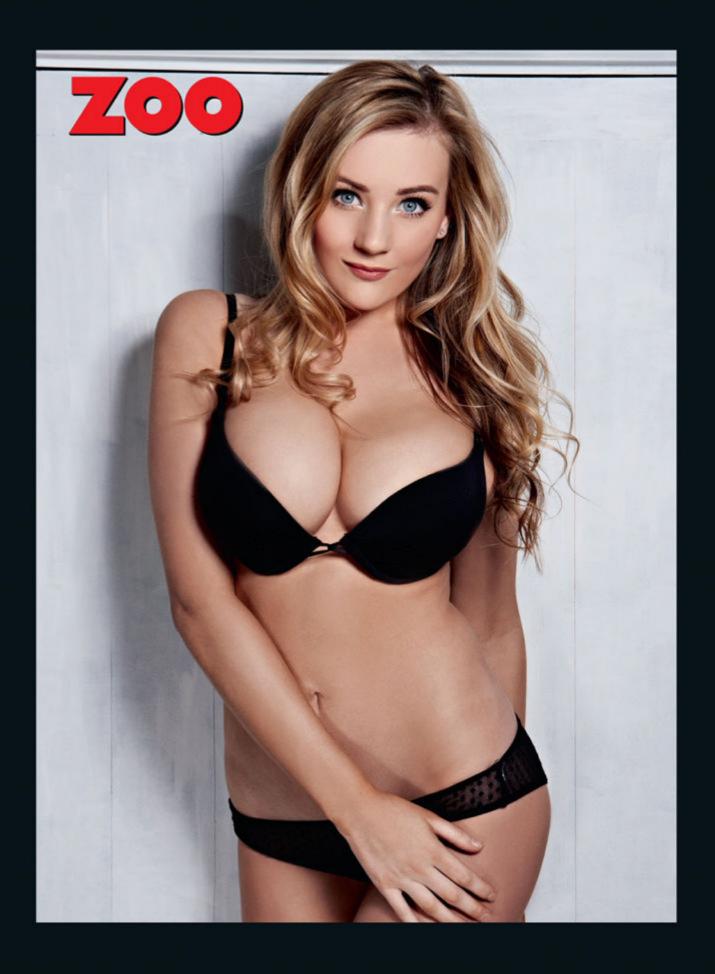
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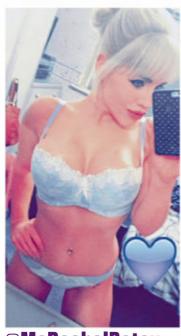
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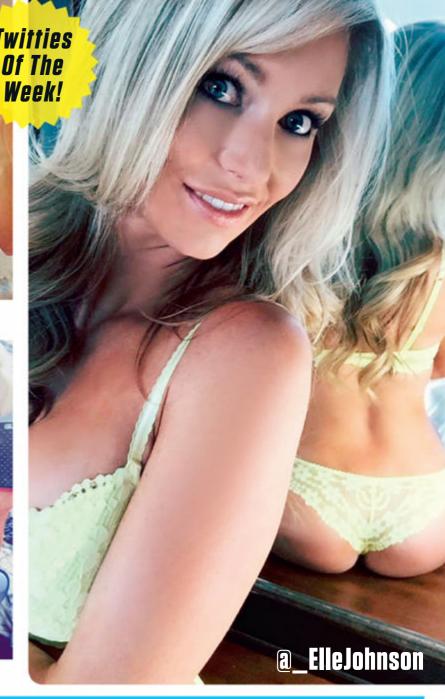
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